

April 24, 2012

To the Chair, Ranking Member and Members of the House Ways and Means Committee:

RE: Hearing on Certain Expiring Tax Provisions

Dear Committee:

I am writing to respectfully request that you extend the wind energy production tax credit as soon as possible. I ask this as a concerned citizen of a state that suffers greatly from the pollution generated by the very dirty, coal-fired San Juan Generating Plant in northwest New Mexico. While carbon-based energies have benefitted from government subsidies for decades, new technologies that could save lives and money in the long run, such as wind and solar power, need that same kind of sustained support to move us to the energies of the future. The public health benefits alone justify subsidies for clean energy.

New Mexico ranks very high among the states for wind-power and solar-power potential. Yet we lag behind in developing these resources—a wasted opportunity. With incentives, we could not only be instrumental in supplementing power for other states in our region, we could replace our dirty-energy production, saving lives and creating new jobs, as well.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Very truly yours,

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